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Cooking Fire Sends One Person To The Hospital

No Damage To Home

Las Vegas firefighters responded to 1108 Pyrite Lane (Washington/Cimarron) at 3:26 a.m. Thursday for a reported kitchen fire.

On arrival firefighters found light smoke coming from a one story wood frame/stucco house. There was also an adult male standing outside the garage that appeared to be injured.

When firefighters entered the home they found a fire that occurred on an electric stove. Firefighters pulled it out along with a microwave oven and placed it outside.. There was no fire extension to the house. There was slight smoke inside the house.

Fire medics treated the occupant of the house who was suffering from minor burns to the leg, foot and arm. The victim was transported by LVFR to the University Medical Center Trauma Center for treatment of minor burns.

The occupant told firefighters they were cooking with deep fryer grease when it caught fire. They tried to put it out with a fire extinguisher, then using water from the sprayer on the sink and finally covering it with a rug. In the process of extinguishment, the victim was burned.

Cooking related fires are the leading cause of fires in Las Vegas as well as the rest of the country and the leading cause of fire related injuries.

The safest way to extinguish a fire of this sort is to turn off the heat on the stove and cover the pan with a pan lid, pizza tray, cookie sheet, or anything that will cut off the oxygen supply. Never use water or any other substance on a grease fire except for a fire extinguisher. Never attempt to move the pan to a sink or outside, in most cases that causes the fire to spread or injury to the person carrying the pan due to hot, flaming grease splashing out.

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